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APPLICABILITY: Clinical- Children's Outpatient	REFERENCES:		
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PURPOSE:

- A. The Therapeutic Group Home (TGH) is a community based, restrictive, short-term placement for young people between the ages of nine (9) to under eighteen (18) with severe and complex mental health conditions or is at high risk of self harm or harm to others and in need of short-term intense psychiatric stabilization intervention which may include medication management, individual, group and family therapy, and other 24/7 therapeutic interventions for sustained stabilization before transitioning to a least restrictive setting or back to the natural home setting.
- B. The TGH is a ten (10) bed space facility with occupancy of no more than ten (10) consumers.

POLICY:

- A. The individual must be an active consumer at Children and Adolescent Services Division (CASD)/I-Famagu'on-ta.
- B. Written parental consent is required for referrals to the TGH.
- C. Consumers can stay up to three (3) months and no more than 12 months.
- D. All agencies involved in the treatment and services of the minor shall demonstrate and document that all the outpatient services and support to the consumer have been maximized and exhausted and now, this short-term intensive psychiatric placement is required.

PROCEDURE:

- A. All referrals to the TGH must be discussed with the CASD/IFamagu'on-ta Administrator.
- B. Thirty days prior to the referral and admission to the TGH, the Children Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) and the Children Adolescent Service Intensity Instrument (CASII) must be completed by the consumer and Family Wrap Team to ensure that placement is warranted.
- C. The TGH admission packet of the Contractor/Service Provider will be provided and completed by the consumer's family and submitted to the Contractor/Service Provider with the assessment tools of CANS and CASII.
- D. Contractor/Service Provider shall discuss with the consumer and his/her family about the admission procedure, requirements, roles and responsibilities.

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- a. Admission procedure will be provided by the Contractor/Service Provider.
- E. The Contractor shall provide the parents and the consumer a copy of the TGH consumer handbook.
- F. If a bed space is not available, the consumer and Family Wrap Team shall increase the intensity of the outpatient services for the consumer and family using the assessment tools of the CANS and CASII.
 - a. Other options may be considered such as brief admission into the Children's Inpatient Unit (CIU), SERENITY home or to a TGH for respite.
 - b. The Wrap Team shall continue to closely monitor and follow up on the progress of the consumer and family.
- G. Once the consumer is admitted into the TGH, a discharge plan shall be prepared starting at thirty (30) days after admission with detailed plans for transition and eventually discharge back home.
 - a. The Contractor shall work in harmony with the consumer and Family Wrap Team in providing the transition and discharge plan that includes a safety plan.
- H. The CANS and CASII assessment tools shall be reviewed, updated or conducted every thirty (30) days and thereafter until discharge from TGH, not to exceed the twelve (12) months.
- I. The discharge plan and updated CANS and CASII shall accompany the invoice for payment every month.
 - Non-compliance to this requirement may result in delay of payment or non-payment unless written justification had been submitted and approved by GBHWC.
- J. Any other requirement of the TGH shall be included in the written contract between GBHWC and the Contractor.

SUPERSEDES:

A. Therapeutic Group Home (TGH) Protocol; FORM-009; 08/14/2012; Wilfred Aflague